

# **HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Fellow Legislators  
Interested Persons

FROM: Representative Ed Murray  
House Transportation Committee

SUBJECT: 2004 Summary of House Transportation Legislation

The enclosed report summarizes actions taken by the 60<sup>th</sup> Legislature during 2004 Regular session, relating to transportation issues.

The House Transportation Committee heard 51 measures during the Regular Session, of which 52 were reported out of committee; and 23 were ultimately enacted.

If you desire further information on any of these bills, please contact committee staff.

We appreciate the support of all legislators, staff and the many interested persons inside and outside state government who assisted in our transportation efforts this session.

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HB 1064	Eickmeyer, Buck, Haigh	<b>Authorizing the Use of Signs, Banners, or Decorations over Highways under Limited Circumstances.</b> - Allows the use of signs, banners, or decorations over highways in unincorporated areas under limited circumstances.  For further information contact: Jill Satran, 786-7315	H Rules C3
EHB 1433	Cooper, Pearson, Lovick	<b>Designating Highways of Statewide Significance.</b> - Approves and adopts the list of highways of statewide significance approved by the Transportation Commission on January 21, 2004 adding six new segments to the existing list.  For further information contact: Jeff Doyle, 786-7322	C 232 L 04
HB 1589	Murray, Woods	<b>Allowing Annual Permits for Oversize Towing Operations.</b> - Creates two new permit categories for tow trucks that tow oversize or overweight vehicles. The permits in each category are valid for one year.  For further information contact: Jill Satran, 786-7315	C 109 L 04
EHB 1615	Dunshee, Pearson, Lovick	<b>Requiring Vehicle Sound System Components to Be Securely Attached.</b> - Requires vehicle sound system components, such as stereo speakers, to be securely fastened to the vehicle. Failure to do so is a traffic infraction.  For further information contact: Jeff Doyle, 786-7322	H Rules 3C
HB 1681	Simpson, G., Jarrett, Rockefeller	<b>Allowing Alternative Means of Renewing Driver's Licenses.</b> - Allows individuals to renew their driver's license or identicard via mail, electronic commerce or other electronic means, under certain circumstances.  For further information contact: Jill Satran, 786-7315	H Rules 3C
2SHB 1702	Hatfield, Mielke, Romero	<b>Recovering Costs for Motorist Information Signs.</b> - Repeals current law requiring the Department of Transportation to contract out the motorist information sign program. Requires the Department of Transportation to charge reasonable fees to recover their costs for the erection and maintenance of motorist information sign panels.  For further information contact: Jill Satran, 786-7315	H Rules 3C

BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	BILL SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
E3SHB 1796	Murray, Hankins, Dunshee	<p><b>Funding Driver's Education for Low-income Students. -</b> Provides funding for reduced-fee traffic safety education for low-income students through a \$1 assessment on all new and replacement reflective license plates issued. Requires school districts with no traffic safety education program to provide scholarships to low-income students to attend commercial traffic safety school.</p> <p>For further information contact: Jill Satran, 786-7315</p>	H Rules 3C
E2SHB 1960	Murray, Jarrett, Cooper	<p><b>Reforming Regional Transportation Governance. -</b> Establishes, with voter approval in the region, an elected nine member council responsible for transportation planning and coordination in King, Pierce, Snohomish and Kitsap counties in 2007. Governance of the Regional Transportation Investment District and Sound Transit are also assumed by the Puget Sound Regional Transportation District, and an evaluation is required as to future governance of the Seattle Monorail Authority.</p> <p>For further information contact: Jeff Doyle, 786-7322</p>	H Rules 3C
ESHB 2167	Simpson, G.	<p><b>Issuing Special Washington Heritage License Plates. -</b> Establishes a new series of eight different themed Washington State Heritage license plates.</p> <p>For further information contact: Jill Satran, 786-7315</p>	H Rules 3C
SHB 2319	Wallace, Armstrong, Murray	<p><b>Regulating Traffic Signal Preemption Devices. -</b> Defines traffic control signal preemption device and makes selling, owning, or using such a device a gross misdemeanor, except as authorized.</p> <p>For further information contact: Jeff Doyle, 786-7322</p>	H Rules 3C
SHB 2458	Hatfield, Buck	<p><b>Extending the Motor Vehicle Width Limit for Recreational Vehicle Appurtenances. -</b> Allows awnings on campers, motor homes, and travel trailers to exceed the maximum eight and one half foot vehicle width by up to six inches.</p> <p>For further information contact: Jeff Doyle, 786-7322</p>	H Rules C
HB 2470	Lovick, Clibborn	<p><b>Clarifying Damages Recoverable in Highway Accidents. -</b> Clarifies that drivers causing accidents on state highways are liable for incidental costs, such as traffic control, hazardous material clean-up, etc.</p> <p>For further information contact: Jeff Doyle, 786-7322</p>	H Rules 3C



BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	BILL SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
EHB 2471	Lovick, Delvin, O'Brien	<b>Authorizing Special License Plates to Honor Law Enforcement Officers Killed in the Line of Duty.</b> - Establishes a law enforcement memorial special license plate.  For further information contact: Jill Satran, 786-7315	H Rules 3C
ESHB 2474	Murray	<b>Making Supplemental Transportation Appropriations.</b> - The 2004 supplemental transportation budget provides supplemental adjustments to the 2003-05 biennial appropriations for the major transportation agencies: The budget also provides appropriations out of transportation funds to many smaller agencies with transportation functions.  For further information contact: Gary Lebow, 786-7304	C 229 L 04
SHB 2475	Murray	<b>Facilitating Enforcement of Toll Violations.</b> - Provisions governing penalties for evading toll collection systems are modified by making these violations a non-moving traffic infraction and by creating procedures for issuing these infractions, including procedures for toll facilities that use photo enforcement systems  For further information contact: Jeff Doyle, 786-7322	C 231 L 04
HB 2476	Murray	<b>Facilitating Vehicle Toll Collection.</b> - Allows electronic toll collection on the Tacoma Narrows Bridge. Allows the Department of Licensing to provide vehicle ownership information to a toll facility operator in order to identify toll evaders.  For further information contact: Jeff Doyle, 786-7322	C 230 L 04
HB 2483	Murray, McIntire	<b>Modifying the Disposition of Title Fees.</b> - Senate Bill 6072, which passed during the 2003 session, transferred some vehicle title fees. Corrections are made to the disposition of title fee revenue to meet the intentions and the appropriations made in SB 6072.  For further information contact: Jerry Long, 786-7306	C 200 L 04
HB 2511	Flannigan, Jarrett, Lovick	<b>Clarifying Seat Belt Requirements.</b> - Replaces reference to federal safety standard with vehicle model years to which the seat belt law applies.  For further information contact: Jill Satran, 786-7315	H Rules C

BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	BILL SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
ESHB 2531	Murray, Wallace, McIntire	<p><b>Expanding Authority for Regional Transportation Investment Districts.</b> - Authorizes Regional Transportation Investment Districts (RTIDs) in all counties. Expands eligible projects from mostly roads to all transportation projects in regional plans and eliminates local match requirements. Reduces sales tax authorization from 0.5 percent to 0.2 percent and dedicates the 0.2 percent to high risk projects and public transportation. Authorizes mileage tax and expands tolling authority.</p> <p>For further information contact: Jeff Doyle, 786-7322</p>	H Rules 3C
SHB 2532	Simpson, G.	<p><b>Modifying Commercial Driver's License Provisions.</b> - Modifies state Commercial Driver License (CDL) provisions related to licensing and disqualification of CDL holders; adds a separate CDL endorsement for operation of a school bus; and modifies hazardous material endorsement requirements to comply with federal Hazardous Materials security threat assessment requirements.</p> <p>For further information contact: Jill Satran, 786-7315</p>	C 187 L 04
HB 2641	Rockefeller, Eickmeyer, Woods	<p><b>Implementing a One Ticket/one Seat Policy on Washington State Ferries.</b> - Establishes a policy of "one ticket, one seat" on Washington State Ferries.</p> <p>For further information contact: Jill Satran, 786-7315</p>	H Rules C
SHB 2662	Hudgins, Jarrett, Murray	<p><b>Using Pictograms in Transportation Signs.</b> - Directs the Seattle Monorail Authority and Sound Transit to implement pictogram signing for future signing at rail stations. Requires the Department of Transportation to develop statewide guidelines for signing of major transit locations and points of interest along transit lines.</p> <p>For further information contact: Jeff Doyle, 786-7322</p>	H Rules 3C
ESHB 2736	Murray, Simpson, G., Dickerson	<p><b>Streamlining Transportation Governance.</b> - Authorizes the Governor to appoint the Secretary of the Department of Transportation; enhances the Transportation Commission's planning and public outreach responsibilities.</p> <p>For further information contact: Jeff Doyle, 786-7322</p>	H Rules 3C

BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	BILL SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
ESHB 2808	Murray, Jarrett, Hankins	<p><b>Authorizing a Pilot Project for High-occupancy Toll Lanes.</b> - Directs the Department of Transportation to implement a high-occupancy toll (HOT) lane project in the HOV lanes along SR 167. Authorizes dynamic-tolling for single-occupant vehicle use of the HOT lane, with tolls set to maintain lane performance. Toll revenues may be used for toll operations, capital costs of the project, and providing transit related services in the corridor.</p> <p>For further information contact: Jeff Doyle, 786-7322</p>	H Rules 3C
SHB 2830	Hudgins, Jarrett, Hatfield	<p><b>Authorizing a Fee for the Review of Driving Records.</b> - Allows the Department of Licensing to enter into agreements with insurance companies and their agents for the purpose of reviewing changes to driving records of existing policyholders.</p> <p>For further information contact: Jill Satran, 786-7315</p>	C 49 L 04
SHB 2908	Mielke, O'Brien, Ahern	<p><b>Strengthening Accountability for Salvage Vehicles.</b> - Adds inspection and documentation requirements for salvage vehicles.</p> <p>For further information contact: Jill Satran, 786-7315</p>	C 188 L 04
SHB 2910	Simpson, G., Cooper, Woods	<p><b>Authorizing Special License Plates for Fire Fighters and Paramedics.</b> - Establishes a special license plate for professional fire fighters and paramedics who are members of the Washington State Council of Fire Fighters.</p> <p>For further information contact: Jill Satran, 786-7315</p>	C 35 L 04
HB 2923	Ericksen, Dickerson, Sullivan	<p><b>Authorizing Magnetic Levitation Transportation Systems.</b> - The bill modifies the definition of HCT to include magnetic levitation and personal rapid transit systems.</p> <p>For further information contact: Jerry Long, 786-7306</p>	H Rules 3C
ESHB 2941	Murray, Ericksen, Hankins	<p><b>Requiring Vehicle Registration at the Residence Address.</b> - Requires persons to register their vehicles at their actual place of residence, and requires them to certify to the Department of Licensing that their residential addresses are true and correct. Allows certain exemptions from this residential address requirement.</p> <p>For further information contact: Jeff Doyle, 786-7322</p>	H Rules 3C

BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	BILL SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
ESHB 3054	Simpson, G., Skinner, Hankins	<b>Restoring the Vehicle Tire Fee.</b> - Reinstates the \$1 per tire fee on the retail sale of new replacement tires and expands the fee to used tires. Creates the Vehicle Tire Recycling Account to provide funding to the Department of Ecology for state and local waste tire management programs.  For further information contact: Jill Satran, 786-7315	H Rules 3C
2SHB 3112	Cooper, Simpson, D.	<b>Concerning Marine Fuel Facilities.</b> - Directs the Department of Ecology to report to the Legislature on fueling practices and regulations for covered vessels and ships. Requires the Washington State Ferry System to develop facility oil spill prevention and contingency plans.  For further information contact: Jerry Long, 786-7306	H Rules 3C
SHB 3164	Murray, Ericksen, Wallace	<b>Enacting the Transportation Innovative Partnerships Act.</b> - Creates a new public-private partnership act for transportation projects. Projects may be proposed by government or the private sector for joint development. Authorizes user fees such as tolls to be used to pay for projects. Any bonds issued must be backed by government rather than the private sector or a non-profit corporation.  For further information contact: Jeff Doyle, 786-7322	H Rules R
ESHB 3205	Murray	<b>Funding Homeland Security for Transportation.</b> - Implements a .50 cent homeland transportation security surcharge on all vehicle registrations except for new vehicles never registered in the state, prorate trucks and large commercial trailers. The fee is distributed to the newly created Homeland Transportation Security Account. The bill contains appropriations for the Department of Transportation and the Washington State Patrol.  For further information contact: Jerry Long, 786-7306	H Rules 3C
HJM 4039	Ericksen, Dickerson, Sullivan	<b>Requesting Congress to Consider Washington for Magnetic Levitation Transportation Funding.</b> - The Legislature requests that the United States Department of Transportation consider Washington State as a candidate for federal funding to implement magnetic levitation projects.  For further information contact: Jerry Long, 786-7306	H Rules 3C
SB 5376	Prentice	<b>Describing the Route of Sr 99.</b> - Removes 2.4 miles of State Route 99 from the state highway system, reverting control of the facility to the City of Tukwila.  For further information contact: Jeff Doyle, 786-7322	C 205 L 04

BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	BILL SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
3SSB 5412	Brandland, Kline, Winsley	<p><b>Requiring Implementation of a Biometric Identifier system for Driver's Licenses and Identicards.</b> - Requires the Department of Licensing to implement a voluntary biometric matching system for use in issuing driver's licenses and identicards and Increases the civil liability for identity theft from \$500 to \$1,000, or actual damages, whichever is greater.</p> <p>For further information contact: Jill Satran, 786-7315</p>	C 273 L 04
ESSB 5428	Finkbeiner, Haugen, Horn	<p><b>Allowing Alternative Means of Renewing Driver's Licenses.</b> - Allows individuals to renew their driver's license or identicard via mail, electronic commerce or other electronic means, under certain circumstances.</p> <p>For further information contact: Jill Satran, 786-7315</p>	C 249 L 04
ESSB 5431	Oke, Prentice, Horn	<p><b>Updating Laws on Drugs and Alcohol Use by Commercial Drivers.</b> - Requires employers of commercial drivers to report to the Department of Licensing when a commercial driver refuses to take a drug or alcohol test, if the refusal has not been reported by the medical review officer or blood alcohol technician. Specifies reporting requirements for transit employees.</p> <p>For further information contact: Jill Satran, 786-7315</p>	S Rules 3
SB 6143	Kastama, Winsley, Oke	<p><b>Determining Eligibility for Veteran's Regular or Special License Plates.</b> - Broadens the definition of veterans who are eligible for veterans license plates.</p> <p>For further information contact: Jill Satran, 786-7315</p>	C 125 L 04
SSB 6148	Haugen, Horn, Brandland	<p><b>Authorizing Special License Plates to Honor Law Enforcement Officers Killed in the Line of Duty.</b> - Establishes a law enforcement memorial special license plate.</p> <p>For further information contact: Jill Satran, 786-7315</p>	C 221 L 04
SB 6185	Horn, Haugen	<p><b>Modifying the Disposition of Title Fees.</b> - Senate Bill 6072, which passed during the 2003 session, transferred some vehicle title fees. Corrections are made to the disposition of title fee revenue to meet the intentions and the appropriations made in SB 6072.</p> <p>For further information contact: Jerry Long, 786-7306</p>	S Rules 3
SSB 6325	Haugen, Esser	<p><b>Adjusting Provisions of the Special License Plate Law.</b> - Makes technical corrections to the special license plate review board process. Disabled parking emblems must be made available for special license plates.</p> <p>For further information contact: Jill Satran, 786-7315</p>	C 222 L 04

BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	BILL SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
SB 6326	Esser, McCaslin, Oke	<b>Defining Prohibited Bus Conduct.</b> - Prohibits certain conduct in regional transit authority vehicles and facilities.  For further information contact: Jill Satran, 786-7315	C 118 L 04
SSB 6327	Esser, Haugen, Swecker	<b>Authorizing a Fee for the Limited Purpose of Reviewing Driving Records of Existing Policyholders for Changes.</b> - Allows the Department of Licensing to enter into agreements with insurance companies and their agents for the purpose of reviewing changes to driving records of existing policyholders.  For further information contact: Jill Satran, 786-7315	S Rules 3
SB 6439	Horn, Haugen, Swecker	<b>Enhancing Motorcycle Safety Curriculum.</b> - Requires motorcycle awareness information be included in driver training curriculum.  For further information contact: Jill Satran, 786-7315	C 126 L 04
SB 6614	Poulsen, Murray, Hewitt	<b>Removing the Damages Floor for Unauthorized Impounds.</b> Removes the \$50 per day minimum damage award for loss of use of a vehicle during an improper impound.  For further information contact: Jill Satran, 786-7315	C 223 L 04
SSB 6676	Murray, Haugen, Horn	<b>Permitting Transfer of License Plates.</b> - Allows transfer of general issue license plates and increases the transfer fee for license plates to \$10.  For further information contact: Jill Satran, 786-7315	C 223 L 04
SSB 6688	Haugen, Benton, Sheldon, B.	<b>Authorizing a Special "Helping Kids Speak" License Plate.</b> - Establishes a "Helping Kids Speak" special license plate series to benefit speech therapy programs for children.  For further information contact: Jill Satran, 786-7315	C 48 L 04

**STATUS OF BILLS REFERRED TO**

**HOUSE**

**TRANSPORTATION**

**COMMITTEE**

**Status of Bills Referred to  
House Transportation Committee  
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**Bills Enacted**

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HB 1589	Allowing annual permits for oversize towing operations.	C 109 L 04
ESHB 2474	Making supplemental transportation appropriations.	C 229 L 04
SHB 2475	Facilitating enforcement of toll violations.	C 231 L 04
HB 2476	Facilitating vehicle toll collection.	C 230 L 04
HB 2483	Modifying the disposition of title fees.	C 200 L 04
SHB 2532	Modifying commercial driver's license provisions.	C 187 L 04
SHB 2830	Authorizing a fee for the review of driving records.	C 49 L 04
SHB 2908	Strengthening accountability for salvage vehicles.	C 188 L 04
SHB 2910	Authorizing special license plates for fire fighters and paramedics.	C 35 L 04
SB 5376	Describing the route of SR 99.	C 205 L 04
3SSB 5412	Authorizing voluntary collection of biometric identifiers from applicants for drivers licenses and identicards.)	C 273 L 04
ESSB 5428	Allowing alternative means of renewing driver's licenses.	C 249 L 04
SB 6143	Determining eligibility for veteran's regular or special license plates.	C 125 L 04
SSB 6148	Authorizing special license plates to honor law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.	C 221 L 04
SSB 6325	Adjusting provisions of the special license plate law.	C 222 L 04
SB 6326	Defining prohibited bus conduct.	C 118 L 04
SB 6439	Enhancing motorcycle safety curriculum.	C 126 L 04
SB 6614	Removing the damages floor for unauthorized impounds.	C 250 L 04
SSB 6676	Permitting transfer of license plates.	C 223 L 04



**Bills Reported by Committee but not Enacted**

HB 1681	Allowing alternative means of renewing driver's licenses.	HRules C
E3SHB 1796	Funding driver's education for low-income students.	HRules 3C
2SHB 1702	Recovering costs for motorist information signs.	HRules 3C
E2SHB 1960	Reforming regional transportation governance.	HRules 3C
HB 2121	Revising transportation goals.	HTrans
ESHB 2167	Issuing special Washington heritage license plates.	HRules 3C
SHB 2319	Regulating traffic signal preemption devices.	HRules 3C
SHB 2458	Extending the motor vehicle width limit for recreational vehicle appurtenances.	HRules C
HB 2470	Clarifying damages recoverable in highway accidents.	HRules 3C
EHB 2471	Authorizing special license plates to honor law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.	HRules 3C
HB 2923	Authorizing magnetic levitation transportation systems.	HRules 3C
HB 2511	Clarifying seat belt requirements.	HRules 3C
ESHB 2531	Expanding authority for regional transportation investment districts.	HRules 3C
HB 2641	Implementing a one ticket/one seat policy on Washington State Ferries.	HRules C
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SHB 3164	Enacting the Transportation Innovative Partnerships Act.	HRules 3C
ESHB 3205	Funding homeland security for transportation.	HRules 3C
HJM 4039	Requesting Congress to consider Washington for magnetic levitation transportation funding.	HRules 3C

ESSB 5431	Updating laws on drugs and alcohol use by commercial drivers.	SRules 3
SB 6185	Modifying the disposition of title fees.	SRules 3
SSB 6327	Authorizing a fee for the limited purpose of reviewing driving records of existing policyholders for changes.	SRules 3

### **Bills Remaining in Committee**

HB 2607	Using dock lease revenue for private passenger-only ferry grants.	HTrans
HB 2609	Creating the Private-Public Partnership Program (P4).	HTrans
HB 2972	Disallowing a tax deduction for motor vehicle fuel handling losses.	HTrans
HB 2974	Modifying fuel tax payment provisions.	HTrans
HB 3012	Providing Kingston-Seattle and Southworth-Seattle passenger-only ferry service.	HTrans
HB 3013	Authorizing immediate approval by the utilities and transportation commission of passenger-only ferry service.	HTrans
HB 3014	Enhancing Seattle-Bremerton ferry service.	HTrans
HB 3211	Providing law enforcement accountability for officers involved in traffic accidents.	HTrans

# **SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

## **2004 Transportation Supplemental Budget**

### **Background**

The 2003 Legislature passed several bills that improved the accountability, efficiency, and oversight of our state transportation system. The enacted 2003-05 Transportation Budget built upon that foundation with targeted funding of specific projects linked to the additional revenue generated by a 5 cent gas tax increase, a 15 percent increase in gross weight fees on heavy trucks and a 3/10 of a percent increase in the sales tax on motor vehicles.

Generally, a supplemental budget focuses on refining the biennial budget with small corrections and address emerging needs. The announcement that the 2010 Winter Olympic Games would be held in Vancouver, British Columbia challenged the Legislature to advance construction of funded projects so they would be completed before the games commenced. Members were also seeking a means to address local freight projects not funded in the 2003 budget.

The supplemental session arrived with those issues, as well as some unexpected challenges. The Supreme Court ruling on the validity of I-776 presented a revenue reduction to pre-existing revenues. New Coast Guard requirements associated with Home Land security for ferries placed additional burdens on both the ferry system and State Patrol. Additionally, a number of minor emerging issues required funding.

### **Agency Appropriations**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Original 2003-05 Appropriations</b>	<b>2004 Supplemental Budget</b>	<b>Revised 2003-05 Appropriations</b>
Department of Transportation	\$3,603,586	\$98,316	\$3,701,902
Department of Licensing	\$182,151	\$7,204	\$189,355
Washington State Patrol	\$251,099	\$3,765	\$254,864
County Road Improvement Board	\$94,184	\$7	\$94,191
Transportation Improvement Board	\$200,647	\$4	\$200,651
Traffic Safety Commission	\$20,820		\$20,820
Special Appropriations to the Governor for I-776 Refunds		\$3,300	\$3,300
Other Agencies with Transportation Funding	\$1,146	\$100	\$1,246
Bond Retirement and Interest	<u>\$352,296</u>	<u>(\$7,553)</u>	<u>\$344,743</u>
Total Appropriations	\$4,705,929	\$105,143	\$4,811,072

### **Type of Funds Utilized in Transportation Budget**

<b>Fund Type</b>	<b>Original 2003-05 Appropriations</b>	<b>2004 Supplemental Budget</b>	<b>Revised 2003-05 Appropriations</b>
State Funds	\$2,734,278	\$7	\$2,734,285
Federal Funds	\$768,652	\$84,401	\$853,053
Local Funds	\$36,722	\$25,735	\$62,457
Bonds	<u>\$1,166,277</u>	<u>(\$5,000)</u>	<u>\$1,161,277</u>
Total Funding	\$4,705,929	\$105,143	\$4,811,072

### **I-776 Reductions of \$43.1 million**

The court decision on Initiative 776 eliminated some local transportation option taxes and reduced the gross weight fees on trucks under 10,000 pounds to \$30. The 10-year loss is \$205 million. The 2003-05 biennial loss is as follows.

- \$9.41 million from the State Patrol Highway Account.
- \$30.163 million from the Motor Vehicle Account.
- \$925 thousand from Puget Sound Ferry Operations Account.
- \$2.605 million from Transportation 2003 (Nickel) Account.

### **I-776 Response and Funding of Other Emerging Issues**

Revenue losses are partially mitigated through available fund balances, federal funding provided for ferries, a risk management reduction and reductions in state expenditures.

- \$18.6 million state ferry capital funding is replaced with federal funding;
- \$8 million fund transfer from Transportation Equipment Fund (\$5 million) and the Advanced Right of Way Account (\$3 million);
- \$7.569 million reduction in self insurance premiums;
- \$6.177 million in program reductions;
- \$1.9 million in vacancy/salary savings; and,
- \$7.553 million one-time debt service reduction.

### **Nickel Project Management and Schedule Adjustments**

The Legislature reviewed and adopted a majority of the Transportation Commission's recommended schedule changes to the New Law and Current Law project lists. Funding and scope changes are based on new and emerging project information.

- No projects have been added or adopted from the 2003 Transportation (Nickel) Program;
- All projects originally listed are slated for completion within the financial package adopted in 2003; and,
- The budget accelerates the schedule for projects associated with the 2010 Olympics, including I-5 HOV at Everett and SR 539 (10 mile to the border) in Whatcom County. The budget also provides an accelerated schedule for the SR 16 Burley Olalla Interchange project by one year.

### **Budget Additions**

High Priority Projects Added Within Current Law Revenues:

- \$11.0 million from the Puyallup Tribal Settlement Account to mitigate effects on traffic currently being served by the Murray Morgan Bridge in Tacoma;
- \$1.2 million for the design of a SR507 to SR 510 bypass in Yelm;
- \$650 thousand for phase two of the SR164 Corridor Study;
- \$500 thousand for a sensitive lands database for use in GIS systems;
- \$1.7 million for additional noise walls on I-5 by Salmon Creek;
- \$400 thousand for a traffic and economic study of the Mount Saint Helens tourist and recreational area, (See Veto Section Below);
- \$550 thousand for a route development plan of SR169;
- \$2.48 million for either the SR28 – east end of the George Sellar Bridge Phase I or the US 2/97 Peshastin East Interchange project; and,
- \$500 thousand for sensitive lands database.

### **Freight and Rail Projects**

- \$13.9 million for local freight mobility projects which include projects at the Port of Pasco, Port of Kalama, Benton County, City of Fife, Colville, Kent, Seattle, Spokane County and Granite Falls; and,
- \$800 thousand for a new freight rail spur in Lewis County.

### **Public Transportation**

- Greater flexibility is provided for special needs transportation providers. Funds maybe used by transit agencies for operating and capital as long as the agencies maintain or increase special needs transportation compared to the previous year;
- The use of vanpool funds provided in 2003 is expanded to include incentives to employers to increase employee van pool use;
- \$100 thousand for Benton County Commute Trip Reduction Program;
- \$500 thousand for King County for a car sharing program. Funds serve as a state match to obtain federal funding; and,

### **Washington State Ferries**

- \$1 million for a study on the viability of the existing Keystone harbor;
- Funding for the fourth new ferry vessel has been accelerated from 2011-13 to 2007-11. This adjustment provides for more efficient contracting and millions of dollars in savings associated with building all four ferry vessels consecutively;
- \$15.4 million has been received in one-time funding, including \$9.4 million for ferry security equipment purchases;
- \$3 million in toll credits are assigned to Kitsap transit to assist them in obtaining federal funds for passenger only ferry capital projects; and,
- Washington State Ferries is to develop a 10-year strategy plan.

### **Mandatory Increases**

- \$3.3 million in local and state funding for the production and mailing of refund checks to truck owners affected by I-776;
- \$1.71 million for Labor and Industry payments for worker's coverage;
- \$3.8 million to implement ferry system security to meet U.S. Coast Guard requirements;
- \$873 thousand in federal and state funds to implement the new federal commercial vehicle entrants program and the new northern border program;
- \$427 thousand for state laws to bring Washington into compliance with federal commercial driver license laws and to fund a bill passed in 2003 for new ignition interlock requirements;
- \$1.404 million for DOL workload and cost increases;
- \$647 thousand for ferries fuel cost increases;
- \$906 thousand for Ferries insurance premium cost increase; and,
- \$265 thousand increase in revolving fund charges.

### **Recently Identified Needs**

- \$1 million for the Safe Routes for Schools Program;
- \$721 thousand for new laser printers in vehicle licensing services offices;
- \$948 thousand in federal and DUI cost recovery funds for the purchase of additional video cameras and new breath test equipment to be used by the Washington State Patrol;
- \$1.489 million for the implementation of bills passed by the Legislature. The bills include the implementation of alternate driver license renewals, four new specialized license plates and the implementation of voluntary biometrics;
- \$475 thousand for the implementation of a transportation data recovery site at Union Gap; and,
- \$283 thousand for pilot projects regarding employee safety at selected DOL high risk offices and for a DOL policy and data analyst.

### **Governor Vetoes and Bill Lapses**

The failure of ESB 6710 to pass the Legislature resulted in the lapse of \$192 thousand provided to the Department of Licensing to implement the bill. (Motor Vehicle Account – State)

The Governor vetoed Section 216, providing \$400 thousand for a traffic and economic study of the Mt. St. Helen's tourist and recreational area. (Motor Vehicle Account – State)

The Governor vetoed Section 302(4) (b), providing \$100 thousand for WSDOT to compare the costs and benefits of having high-occupancy lanes in the right lane versus the left. (Motor Vehicle Account – State)

